

Three Paths to Expression: Printmakers from Central China Student Woodblock Print Exhibit

In August of 2004 three distinguished printmakers from Central China visited Washington as part of a statewide cultural exchange. Chen Qi of the Nanjing Arts Institute, Zhang Guang Hui of the Hubei Academy of Art in Wuhan and Jin Bao Ping of the University of Shenzhen taught a printmaking workshop for high school students from across Washington State.

Sponsored by the Olympia School District at Avanti High School, these young artists created, carved and printed original woodblock prints under the instruction of visiting master artists. In addition to introducing these students to a thousand- year-old technique, this experience challenged students to interpret their own culture in the context of a wider, world culture.

Organized by Art Partners International and supported by the Blakemore Foundation, Washington arts organizations, colleges, universities, corporations and many individual donors this project created relationships that resonate internationally.

This exhibit features the work of:

Alicia Crowley, Olympia High School
Larissa Diamant, Olympia High School
Sonia Finley, The NOVA Project
Jimmy Jin, Olympia High School
Melissa Laws, North Thurston High School
Fan Lee, Olympia High School
Christian MacMillan, Olympia High School
Sabrina Scott, Issaquah High School
Jessica Towle, Fife High School
Jennie Ushakoff, South Sound High School
Danny Walters, Roslyn High School
Weijia Wang, Olympia High School

